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Larry Winn

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Franklin	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Tauy Jones House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: One mile north of Ottawa on US-59, two miles east, .8 mile northeast on secondary roads. NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 17, T 16 S, R 20 E.			
CITY OR TOWN: Ottawa vicinity			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Kansas	66067	Franklin	059

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Comments			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Lonnie Barnes			
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Ottawa	Kansas	66067	20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Register of Deeds			
STREET AND NUMBER: Franklin County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Ottawa	Kansas	66067	20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas			
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Kansas State Historical Society			
STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Topeka	Kansas	66612	20

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☐ Altered ☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tauy Jones House is a massively constructed two story, twelve room stone structure in the Plains Vernacular style. The walls are of cut stone 34 inches thick. The only projections are the stone window sills. All lintels are one piece with the exception of the gable end windows which employ arches consisting of three piece lintels. Cut stone quoining establishes strong vertical lines that draw the eye upward to the large wooden fascia. The fascia does an excellent job of accenting the lines of the simple wood shingle roof. Three chimneys break the roofline. Even the chimneys seem to have been assigned an order of importance with the size differences and detailing. Although three doors are shown, it is obvious which is the main entry, with its square wooden columns and stone rain trough above the lintel. The name "J. T. Jones" is cut into the lintel. Although its basic plan has been little changed, the building's condition has deteriorated from the days when it was one of the showplaces of the area.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1860's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☒ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

☐ losophy

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☐ Science

☐ Architecture

☐ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☐ Art

☐ Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

☐ itarian

☐ Communications

☐ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rev. John Tecumseh Jones, commonly known as "Tauy" or "Ottawa" Jones, was born in the early 1800's in southeastern Canada. His mother was a Chippewa Indian and his father an Englishman. Tauy Jones was educated at a Baptist mission in Michigan and later graduated from Madison University in New York, where he was a student of theology.

In 1833 when the federal government moved the Ottawa Indians to their reservation in Franklin County, Kansas, Jones agreed to assist them in establishing their new home and to act as interpreter for the Indians and government officials. He was married to Jane Kelly, a young Baptist missionary, in 1845. They purchased farm land approximately four miles northeast of Ottawa from a trader for \$1,000 and in 1850 built a dwelling on the property. This home became a landmark and overnight stop for travelers journeying from Lawrence to Fort Scott, and although the Joneses attempted to remain neutral in the slavery controversy, they were threatened by Proslavery advocates, and on August 29, 1856 their frame house was burned by Border Ruffians.

Construction on a new two-story stone house began and was completed in the 1860's. This \$20,000 home, which still stands, served as a mission school for Indian children for many years.

Tauy Jones not only worked as a missionary to the Ottawa Indians but initiated plans for a university which the Ottawas could attend. However, no Ottawa Indian students ever attended Ottawa University on the college level because of their removal to Oklahoma. At the first State Convention of Baptists meeting in 1860 at Atchison, Jones suggested that the Ottawa Indians give the school a grant of land, and the convention approved the idea. Acting in behalf of the Ottawas, he then secured a grant of 20,000 acres from the Department of Indian Affairs and the Roger Williams University, later to become Ottawa University, was established. Tauy Jones continued as an active leader for the new school by serving on the Board of Trustees until his death in the early 1870's.

Although Tauy Jones is referred to as the "Founder of Ottawa University," he might better be described as a promoter who was a prime mover in the founding of the school. By the terms of his will, his entire \$25,000 estate, including 800 acres of land, was left in trust to Ottawa University. However, after his death many claims were made against the estate and the trustees were forced to settle them by disposing of the farm to raise money.

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6. Federal Writers' Project of the Work Projects Administration (1939)
Federal
Records destroyed. A guidebook, Kansas, was published in 1939.
8. The Tauny Jones house is significant because of the accomplishments of the man who built it and resided in it. His interest in establishing a university which would serve his people, plus his work as an interpreter and minister for the Ottawa tribe, makes him a person worthy of recognition.
9. The Ottawa Campus, v. 18, no. 1 (Sept., 1901), pp. 186,187.
Stephens, Rev. J. P., Rev. J. W. Fulkrod, and Rev. George Hine,
Historical Sketch of the Miami Baptist Association, 1869-1908
(n. p., n. d.), p. 12.
Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas (Chicago, The Goodspeed
Publishing Co., 1890), pp. 131-133.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Executive Minutes of Gov. Geary," Kansas Historical Collections, v. 4 (1886-1890), p.617.
 Hardy, Cleo C., editor, "The Story of Taui Jones," The Sagamore (Ottawa, Herald Press, 1907), pp. 9,10.
 Haworth, B. Smith, Ottawa University: Its History and Its Spirit (Lawrence, The Allen Press, 1957), pp. 4-7.
History of the State of Kansas (Chicago, A. T. Andreas, 1883), pp. 607-611.
 Morgan, Lewis Henry, The Indian Journals, 1859-1862 (Ann Arbor, The University of Michigan Press, 1959), pp. 38,39.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	0 ' "
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	0 ' "
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		38 39 51	95 13 14	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Two acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard Pankratz, Planner		
ORGANIZATION Kansas State Historical Society	DATE Feb. 15, 1971	
STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Topeka	STATE Kansas 66612	CODE 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas
State Historical Society

Date

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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